REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 10, 11, 13, and 14 are pending in the application. Claims 1-8, 10, 13, and 14 are allowed, and claim 11 is objected to.

New Objections – Double Patenting

At paragraph 11 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that claim 11 is objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75 because it is currently written in a form which is a substantial duplicate of claim 10.

In response, Applicants have deleted claim 11. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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